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3. Naval Vessels Northwestern area of Burgas port is be the "naval section." five or six nested "ARTILLERIST" PCs and two or three German "F" class LCUs. The ARTILLERIST PCs were moored side by side at the Northwest Quay and are dark gray, and in apparently good condition. This identification is certain, because the exceptionally heavy bridge of the ARTILLERISTS. The LCUs were Mediterranean Moored, apparently to the end of the Northwest Jetty. All above noted ships departed the harbor returning in the evening. Getting underway was efficiently managed, and shiphandling was "good"

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4. Northwestern area of port: northwestern area of port has been reconstructed and conforms essentially with the plan of ONI 48-53. Construction in area includes a granary, noted in paragraph six below, and a naval building, noted in paragraph seven below.

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5. [redacted]
6. Granary [redacted] a square "silo" [redacted] This is a cement structure, already some 65' high, and was due for completion within one month [redacted]

[redacted] Area in front of this granary was being dredged by grabber-type dredge [redacted]

7. Naval Activity Northwestern area of port is dominated by a large, dark yellow (perhaps orange), 4-5 floor building [redacted] the heart of the port's naval area, [redacted] many sailors around the building and [redacted] martial music apparently blaring from loudspeakers in that area. All night [redacted] signals were passed via flashing light between this building and a signal station [redacted] the signals were in code [redacted]

8. [redacted]
9. Southern Railroad Yards [redacted] the railroad traffic [redacted] "very active" and [redacted] the locomotives were steam-powered. Railroad work both in the yard and in the nearby port area is on a 24-hour per day basis.

10. [redacted]
11. [redacted]
12. [redacted]
13. [redacted]

b. Merchant Vessels In anchorage area. [redacted] Soviet tug and a one thousand-ton [redacted] tanker which brought diesel oil from Constanta. [redacted]

[redacted] the BULGARIA (BU), using a shore crane, was discharging trucks. [redacted] another freighter was discharging trucks, using a floating crane which would deposit the trucks on its own deck, then carry them to the quayside.

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d. Dredging in Progress As noted in paragraph six, area was being dredged. Harbor entrance was being dredged in the following manner. Buoys had been placed in the area, and two small boats were being used to drop explosive charges, after which the boat would retire, explode the charge, and then return to repeat the process. An average of five explosions per day

This happened at night as well as during the day.

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